

REMARKS

We have considered the election/restriction requirement of the most recent Office Action. While we are confused why an election is required with a single independent claim in the application, and particularly when the single independent claim has been previously allowed, we respond to this requirement by electing species 1, which is the invention as shown in Figure 1-7. This species includes independent claim 1 as well as dependent claims 2, 4-12, 14, and 19-22.

We again point out that claim 1 is the only independent claim in the application and claim 1 has been found to be allowable. Accordingly, the claims that depend from claim 1 should also be found to be allowable, including those claims that are directed to non-elected species.

If the Examiner disagrees with our contention that claim 1 is generic, we request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to discuss the scope of the claim.

We respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims, including the claims directed to non-elected species, since the claims all depend from a generic claim 1 which has been previously found to be allowable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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